

Claims

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1. A bottle which can be converted into a stemmed drinking container comprising:

a) a base having an elongated stem,

b) a bottom element having a bottom and a first sidewall extending from said bottom,

10 said sidewall having a first threaded connection means,

c) a container portion having a second sidewall defining a top portion and a bottom portion, said top portion of said second sidewall having a second threaded connection means which mates with said first threaded connection means, said bottom portion having a neck portion and said neck portion having an opening;

15 d) a closure which mates with said neck portion to form a fluid tight seal; and

wherein said bottom element is connected to said container portion by screwing said first threaded connection means onto said second connection means, said bottom element and said container portion thereby forming a sealed reservoir which may be filled with a fluid, and said stem may be affixed to said container portion.

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2. The bottle of claim 1 wherein said stem may be affixed to said container portion via attachment to said closure.

3. The bottle of claim 2 wherein said stem snap-fits onto said closure.

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4. The bottle of claim 2 wherein said closure is a screw cap.

5. The bottle of claim 1 wherein said container portion further comprises a lip top end of said top portion and said second sidewall has a thickened band in the area of the second threaded connection means.

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6. The bottle of claim 1 wherein said base, said bottom element, said closure and said container portion are made of one of plastic or metal.

7. The bottle of claim 1 wherein said container portion is made of glass and said bottom element, said base and said closure are made of one of plastic or metal.

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8. The bottle of claim 1 wherein said container portion, said bottom element and said base are made of plastic and said closure is made of metal.

9. A method of converting a bottle into a stemmed drinking container, comprising the steps of:

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a) providing a bottle comprising

i) a base having an elongated stem,

ii) a bottom element having a bottom and a first sidewall extending

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from said bottom, said sidewall having a first threaded connection means,

iii) a container portion having a second sidewall defining a top portion and a bottom portion, said top portion of said second sidewall having a second threaded connection means mated with said first threaded connection means, said bottom portion having a neck portion and said neck portion having an opening;

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and

iv) a closure mated with said neck portion to form a fluid tight seal;

- b) attaching said elongated stem to said neck portion;
- c) removing said bottom element from said container portion by unscrewing said

first threaded connection from said second threaded connection.

5 10. The bottle of claim 9 wherein said stem may be affixed to said container portion via attachment to said closure.

11. The bottle of claim 10 wherein said stem fits onto said closure by an interference fit.

10 12. The bottle of claim 10 wherein said closure is a screw cap.

13. The bottle of claim 9 wherein said container portion further comprises a lip top end of said top portion and said second sidewall has a thickened band in the area of the second threaded connection means.

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14. The bottle of claim 9 wherein said base, said bottom element, said closure and said container portion are made of one of plastic or metal.

15. The bottle of claim 9 wherein said container portion is made of glass and said bottom
20 element, said base and said closure are made of one of plastic or metal.

16. The bottle of claim 9 wherein said container portion, said bottom element and said base are made of plastic and said closure is made of metal.

25 17. A method of manufacturing a bottle which can be converted into a stemmed drinking container, comprising the steps of:

a) providing a base having an elongated stem, and a bottom element having a bottom having a recess and a first sidewall extending from said bottom, said sidewall having a first threaded connection means,

b) inserting said base into said recess of said bottom;

5 c) mating said bottom element to a container portion, said container portion having a second sidewall defining a top portion and a bottom portion, said top portion of said second sidewall having a second threaded connection means mated with said first threaded connection means, said bottom portion of said second sidewall having a neck portion and said neck portion having an opening; and

10 d) installing a closure onto said neck portion to form a fluid tight seal.